

Convention Call of Wisconsin Socialists.

We are on the eve of the greatest changes the world has ever seen. The old parties are powerless to solve the great problem of our day—the problem of the standard of living and the problem of the Republic. The old parties are even powerless to defend the Republic against the encroachment of organized capital, as is again shown in Colorado. This is left to the Social-Democratic party, which understands the economic development and can see its outcome, the great question.

The conditions in Colorado, which have shocked the civilized world, prove that even the right of the workmen to form trades unions is a matter of the standard of living and for mutual protection in this country. Both of the old parties are now the tools of the capitalist class. Whatever the difference may be in the phraseology of the platforms, there is in reality no difference whatever between the Republican and the Democratic party.

The Republican and the Democratic party have proved themselves incapable of electing honest men to office. We find that year out, no matter which of the old parties is put into office, the same, corruption and ignorance among the officers and poverty among the masses. The boodles investigations in Wisconsin have proven that both parties are about on a par as far as honesty is concerned, and a law suit touching the insurance companies has shown a similar condition of affairs to exist in the administration.

The reason for their failure is that both parties represent the capitalist system and both are dominated by the non-producing class. "Make money" is the sole reason for human existence in both. Therefore, both parties create more corruption and more poverty. The best "tax reform" in the manner of taxing the railroads in Wisconsin cannot change this. We must try to change the economic conditions that surround us all.

The laws which prohibit the gratification of a poor man's hunger at the expense of his neighbor, to be logical, should prohibit the gratification of a rich man's greed at the expense of his neighbors. It is a political fact that a check should be imposed upon individuals whose actions affect adversely the morals and welfare of the community, and who, by accumulating wealth far beyond their needs, are instrumental in producing poverty and the crimes and vices which engender.

The Social-Democratic party is not aiming at a mere change of holders. We realize that corruption can only be abolished and liberty can only be defended in the degree that the present economic system is changed. The Social-Democratic party wants to use the means of production and distribution and thereby extend the advantages of civilization and the riches of our country to all the people.

The National Convention of our party has nominated two men as delegates who are well known to the working class of their country—Eugene V. Debs and Benjamin Hanford. The old friend and comrade of the Wisconsin Social-Democracy, Eugene V. Debs, will no doubt celebrate the tenth anniversary of the greatest strike in American history by rallying over a million votes around the banners of the Social-Democratic party. And we in Wisconsin will do as we have always done in former years.

The State Convention of the Social-Democratic party will be held in Milwaukee on Saturday, September the third, 1904, at 7:30 P. M. The basis of representation for the convention is as follows: Every delegate in the state is entitled to two delegates for each 100 votes or fraction thereof cast for the Social-Democratic ticket at the last state election.

State Central Committee Social-Democratic Party.
VICTOR L. BERGER, Chairman.
GEORGE RUSSELL, Secretary

Our leading citizens are being caught red-handed again. Now comes the United States consul general at the City of Mexico, Edward M. Conley, and warns the people of the United States against some of the Mexican mining company advertisements with which the newspapers of the country are says:

To illustrate the methods of fake mining companies, I know of one company claiming Milwaukee as its headquarters, which has been advertising extensively its stock in a mine in Mexico. I happen to know that this company does not hold titles to a foot of land or a dollar's worth of property in Mexico. It holds some denunciations of mining claims in the state of Michigan, but does not yet hold title to these claims. Even if it did hold title they are mere prospects upon which absolutely no development work has been done. Yet the company, styling itself with the name of the mine it is advertising, claims that the mine is fully developed, is in actual operation, and is about to pay large dividends. It offers to sell stock to investors at ridiculously low prices and states that it holds in reserve five other developed mines for the protection of its stockholders. It offers to send samples of its ore to any prospective purchaser of stock, when it is known that not an ounce of ore of any kind has ever been taken from the mine. As a climax of "nerve," it offers to pay the expenses of a trip to Mexico to any prospective purchaser of a certain large amount of stock, for the purpose of allowing the purchaser to visit the mine and satisfy himself that it is bona fide. It publishes pictures of another large and rich mine, showing buildings, machinery, etc., labeling them with its own name. The advertisements are so constructed as to be misleading to an uninformed person and no doubt many will be induced to invest upon a mere statement of some person wholly unknown to them that it is a safe investment. For some reason the offers to send persons to Mexico free of expense to investigate this and similar properties are never made, when, if they were this warning would have no purpose. If the investors would only force the companies to prove their statements, as they offer to do in their advertisements, they would probably not be investors.

The sharpness of the struggle for existence forces men, who would otherwise have to go to work for a living, to exploit all sorts of swindles for the purpose of fleecing a living out of the unsuspecting. They leave a train of misery, insanity and self-murder in their wake, and so long as they succeed, move in our "leading" society and are pointed to as specimens of "self-made men." But the capitalist system legitimizes them and the capitalist class are too busy punishing the poor to see anything wrong in their damnable work.

Legalized cheating is cheating just the same, only the courts do not take that view of it.

Gov. Peabody is hurting the cigar business. It is reported that some smokers among the working class are now refusing to smoke cigars which come from boxes which bear the name Colorado, or Colorado Madras!

GET READY FOR CAMPAIGN WORK.

All over the country there is an awakening and stirring of Socialist activity. Gradually the state organizers are getting their plans under way and preparing to make the months of August, September and October memorable. And NOW is the time to prepare. Waiting until the last moment means getting left at the last moment. Locals desiring speakers, and especially certain ones, should notify their state secretaries immediately. The officers should organize their forces for effective literary distribution. Act upon and answer all official communications promptly. Decide upon the exact number of campaign rallies you intend to hold, fix exact dates, engage your speakers, then work to make the meetings successful. Don't depend altogether upon outside speakers. There is latent talent in every local that only needs a chance to be proven valuable. If there is a certain outside speaker you think you should have, apply for him at once, otherwise you'll have no right to kick if you get no speakers at all. And every local and campaign committee should have copies of the new leaflet gotten out by the National Headquarters, "How to Arrange Socialist Meetings."

In an interview in a Torre Haute paper, Eugene V. Debs has this to say of the national Democratic candidates:

"Mr. Parker is merely the personal candidate of John D. Rockefeller. Organized labor has no more uncompromising enemy than Henry G. Davis, chosen to be the tail piece of the national ticket. He has achieved fame in the labor world by treating union men as enemies to society who should be caged or killed. Davis is the very incarnation of the old time slave driver who flourished in the old dominion."

"Six weeks ago Bryan publicly stated that no self-respecting man could support Judge Parker and in supporting him proclaims himself a political degenerate."

No matter what you used to think of Mr. Bryan, the question is what do you think of him now? Apparently his only reason for supporting Parker is that he can be near enough to him to make faces at him. This is capitalistic statesmanship!

The Plutocrats fix up the national tickets the working class suckers must vote for if they want to train with the old parties. Roosevelt and Fairbanks, Parker and Davis! A vote for either bunch is a vote for capitalism and a vote to keep the working class in bondage.

Two hundred millions of accumulated wealth is to be distributed to the rich in dividends and interest by the banks, trust companies and bond dealers of New York City this coming week. This is simply a small part of the swag which the capitalist system takes away from the producing class and puts into the pockets of the wealthy shirkers. It would not be possible but for the capitalist system and nothing can prevent it so long as the capitalist system rules the activities of the people of this country.

In making a ruling in a labor injunction case last week, Judge Ludwig of Milwaukee laid down the astonishing proposition that a contract to employ union labor was not binding on the employer because it is against public policy. Public policy, of course, means the interests of the ruling class, in whose favor and by whom all laws are made. A man who signs his name to a note not knowing the nature of the document can be held to pay the note, no matter if it ruins him and disables his family. He is not protected under public policy, unless he is able to pay out a large sum for a high-priced lawyer to rattle-dazzle the courts and to purchase the "law's delay." But a contract entered into between an employer and his employees has no binding force and can be broken at will because this government is an employers' government and a poor wretch doomed to wage slavery is too insignificant and contemptible to be worthy the protection of "public policy," or anything else. The working class is the vastly preponderant class, but the interests of that class has nothing to do with "public policy," you know, and will not have so long as capitalism rules legislatures and courts.

WHAT HAPPENED AT ST. LOUIS.

Victor L. Berger Writes of the New Alignment in the Democratic Party and the Downfall of Bryanism.

WHAT every man foresaw has happened in St. Louis. The South, which rules the Democratic party, declared, although not in so many words, "Twice we have tried a coalition with the West and have been beaten. Now we will try a coalition with the East." And so it came to pass. The conservatives are victors all along the line. They have dictated the platform and the candidates. Not only was there no talk of endorsing the platforms of Chicago and Kansas City, but these platforms were completely overthrown. The coinage of free silver, of course, was no longer an issue. But the other "radical" and populist heresies were also entirely stricken out, especially the income tax. The party keeps its old position only on the point of freeing the Philippines, and in this it agrees with the anti-imperialists in the East. That there was no express declaration in favor of gold coinage was the only concession allowed to Mr. Bryan. For it was not the intention to drive him entirely out of the party, since he could draw away too many men with him, and thus make the success of the party doubtful. But Mr. Bryan will not bolt, neither will Mr. Hearst. They will pretend to the people that the party in which they have been beaten is the true fold and the holiest of the holies. That this would take place, I repeatedly predicted in these columns. The "reformation" of the Democratic party would perhaps have been in the region of possibility if the Altgeld faction had been properly organized and represented after his death. The combination of silver barons and backwoodsmen, with Bryan as their leader, had failed.

There yet remained a possibility of winning the industrial workers, and upon this Altgeld insisted. If he were not exactly a Socialist—although he held the door open to Socialism—yet Altgeld was far from Bryan in his social and political views. He was a city man and a modern man, while Bryan was retrograde and ignorant. The masses of the American wage workers would have been quite ripe for a semi-Socialist program, such as Altgeld represented, and here was just the danger, that they would have been gained by the Democratic party and then betrayed. For the South would have ruled Congress, and from the South nothing socialist or progressive is to be hoped. But Altgeld died, and Hearst is indeed too much of a "fake" to set the workmen in motion. And Clarence Darrow is simply his attorney.

The "Young Democracy" is therefore a thing of the past. The southern politicians want offices, and from whose hands is indifferent to them. Since Bryan could not give these, they reared the old combination with the East. Therefore the trust gentlemen of New York were in a position to dictate platform and candidates. Thus we now have again two "conservative parties," between which no difference can be discerned with the naked eye, and both of which are absolutely dominated by the trusts. As a matter of professional politics, however, the new combination may not be a bad speculation. The wealthy and respectable Democrats, of the Whitely and Grover Cleveland type, who turned their back on the party under Bryan's rule, now most probably will join it again. It will gain people with money, and so will have a full campaign barrel. Mr. Belmont, the New York banker, is its financial backer, and he can surely get enough funds in Wall Street and vicinity to make the conservative Democrats "flush." Quite a number of Republican Trust magnates, for whom Roosevelt is not "safe" enough, may also go over to the Democratic camp. In any case the capitalists may be satisfied, which ever party triumphs. The nightmare of a Populist and half-Socialist "revolution" which threatened them, has now vanished. American politics has returned to the old rut.

The nominations made in St. Louis are characteristic. Alton Parker, the candidate of the corrupt Hill machine, an ex-corporation attorney and now a representative of the corporations on the supreme bench of the State of New York, was nominated on the first ballot. And not satisfied with having humiliated Bryan and his following and having forced a "conservative platform," he sent a message to the convention telling them in almost so many words that he was wedded to the interests of the gold-trust and that he "will act accordingly if the action of the convention shall be ratified by the people." If the convention did not agree to that "he was willing to decline the nomination." His running mate, ex-Senator Davis from West Virginia, is 81 years old, but a millionaire thirty times over—by the way he is the father-in-law of Steven Elkins of the Elkins-Widener syndicate, one of the most powerful trusts in the United States. Elkins was also in active politics before. He also is an ex-senator of the United States. Only Elkins is a Republican and the man who managed the first Harrison campaign and secured the doubtful state of Indiana by dividing Indianapolis into "blocks of five" and buying all the votes that could be bought. There will be more money and more of the old campaign methods in the Democratic party than there has been for years.

The Hobson incident was also characteristic. Captain Richmond P. Hobson, the "hero" of the Merrimac, and of many kisses, made a speech in which he said: "Tell me what president has even been brave enough to enforce the law against a labor union violator? It was a Democratic president." And this praise of Cleveland for invading a sovereign state, despite the protest of its Governor, in order to aid capital against labor was cheered to the echo in this national gathering of Democrats with whom "state rights" are supposed to be inviolable. Even some Democratic organs are deeply concerned about "the showing this made to the working class of the country."

And we like this showing. The sooner the workingmen of this country learn "where they are at" with the Democratic party, the better. And there are many voters outside of the proletarians who cannot be content with present conditions, and must look around for another party which will take into consideration their troubles and their aspirations. The People's Party has vanished. The "Young Democracy" has followed after. The Social-Democratic party now remains as their only hope. And in this lies the satisfaction in this latest change. There are plenty of people in this country who earnestly believed in the reformation of the Democratic party, and would have voted for it if they had been given the opportunity. They have now learned better, and must see the hopelessness of going any further on this path. What is now left for them but to join the Social-Democratic party?

Victor L. Berger.

These are MEN! Political Prisoners in Siberia Scorn the Czar's Impudent Offer of a Place in the Army!

The political prisoners in exile in Russia, true to the heroism that brought them into exile, have issued a reply to the Russian government's offer to permit them to work out their political salvation by going to the Russo-Japanese war in the purpose of fighting for "their country." In it they say:

With indignation and contempt we reject your offer. We have committed no crime against our army, our loved country and have nothing to repent. Every man of us has been trying according to his abilities and power to be useful to the Russian people, and his will show whose activity has been more useful, yours or ours. We have heard the groans of the starved, robbed by you. We have seen how you have shot down people who dared to resist your oppression and violence and that of the capitalists. We have witnessed hundreds of abominable deeds committed by you and your agents all over Russia. True, the country that

you pillage and ravage does not always protest. To your violence and abuse it is often able to answer only with groans. But it always hates you. It is always ashamed of you. It turns its face from you with disgust.

"Now you have started war with Japan, and the gulf has opened yet wider and more threatening before you. The people did not wish for this war. The country had no need for it. It demands immense sacrifices from the plundered and exhausted people and, no matter how it ends—in your victory or defeat—it will bring them nothing but new taxes and new fetters.

"Aroused by your constant maltreatment, outraged over and over again in our best and most sacred feelings, we have been penetrated, body and soul, with a deep hatred and contempt for your regime, and with all our power we have protested against your conduct and in the name of the high ideals of Social-Democracy we have called upon the

country to resist you.

"If we are in any way blamable before our country, it is only in that we have not put into this resistance a hundred fold greater energy. If we are guilty, the evidence is that you still exist, that you still rule over us, that you still suck the nation's blood.

"But it is not for you to censure us for this. It is not for you to speak in our country's name. You are certainly unscrupulous and impudent enough to try to identify the throne with the country and the country's interest, but together with all honest people we protest against such blasphemy.

"Our country has no worse enemy than that blood-stained throne. Manchuria will lay a heavy burden upon the people, and this at a time when they are already starving, when they lack often the necessities of life and when their great need is for civil rights, good schools, and independence of action. In such a time you have provoked this war.

You have provoked it because it was necessary for you and for you alone—for Absolutism and its officials and hangers-on.

"By the murderous seizure of Manchuria, you have already squandered millions upon millions of money, drawn from the people's sweat and blood.

"You are seeking for military and political supremacy in Asia. You aim to secure new markets for the benefit of the handful of capitalists upheld by you at the people's cost. For the sake of their private interest you sacrifice the welfare of the whole people.

"But you have another purpose of a yet more ignoble character. By the thunder of cannon, by the glitter and clamor of foreign war, you hope to bewilder the consciousness of the awakened Russian proletariat and peasantry, to distract their attention from the infamies of your rule at home, from your brutality and oppression.

"And in beginning this shameless

An obscure lieutenant named Bilz in the German army was so revolted by the almost unspeakable abuses of authority that he witnessed all around him in the army that he was determined to write a novel full of actual incidents thinly veiled under fictitious names for the purpose of exposing the conditions therein. It made a tremendous sensation throughout Germany, although of mediocre literary merit, and resulted in many reforms in the military arrangements of the German army. It was a novel spoken that people would speak, but by somebody who was not a soldier. One of the publisher says during the past year he has received no less than 100,000 letters from officers in the army who claim that the tales which were told were absolutely true and that every one would recognize the identity of the persons portrayed. One lieutenant even offered to write a compromising statement which even princes of a royal house were implicated. Even the Kaiser was involved and which was finally dropped out has given rise to a novel of Berlin high society of Kaiser Wilhelm.

This book will never be published.

It is time to subscribe for the friend of yours!

Following up his appointment of labor-wrecker Paul Morton to a cabinet portfolio, Roosevelt turned a delegation of men sent by the miners of Pennsylvania down cold, the other day, and the poor fellows sadly turned their steps homeward taking their appeals in behalf of the victims of Colorado capitalism back with them. Measured by the power it exercises labor is economically insignificant and must expect such disgraceful and inhuman treatment. But still the wide awake members of the working class must not despair. It is labor that has elected presidents these many years, and the politicians, Republican and Democratic alike, have come to regard the average worker as being so stupid that, like a dog, the more he is cuffed and insulted the more he licks the master's heel. Capitalistic representatives have slapped labor in the face and spat upon its appeals and demands and yet never lacked for labor votes in election time. We can hardly blame the rulers for still thinking it a safe thing to do, but the Oyster Bay incident will spur the wide awake unionists to renewed endeavors in rescuing their brothers from the lethargy that means abjection and humiliation. That will be their answer to Roosevelt, and so soon as the rank and file harkens to their warnings and votes for political ridance of the capitalist class in office, so soon and not sooner will presidential snubs be a thing of the past.

Parry ought to change the name of his union from Citizens' Alliance to Master Shearers' Union!

The Catholic Sentinel of Chipewa Falls, Wis., has bolted the Democratic ticket. Evidently the Sentinel is in politics.

The Crimean war was responsible for the freeing of the serfs of Russia. Now at least one good has come out of the present human slaughtering match with Japan, for the Czar announces that hereafter political offenders against the nation will be permitted a trial instead of being exiled to the Siberian mines by administrative process. Law and Order is a capitalistic holy of holies, but the working people observe it to their own cost and to the delaying of civilization. The credit for this recent very important move by the Czar, although hastened by the war, must be given, after all, to the revolts of the people against Russian law and order and is one of the fine fruits of discontent and proper self respect. The growing revolts and unrest needed only the war to further embarrass the ruling force so as to burst the fetters that have been so galling to the Russian and so repugnant to all modern ideas of human rights. Despotism crumbles all too slowly, and when so large a stone in the arch as that that has just fallen in Russia gives way, there is cause indeed for jubilation the world over.

DEFINITIONS OF SOCIALISM.

The collective ownership of the means of production and distribution. A theory of society that advocates a more precise, orderly and harmonious arrangement of the social relations of mankind than that which has hitherto prevailed. (Webster's Dictionary.)

A science of reconstructing society on an entirely new basis, by substituting the principle of association for that of competition in every branch of human industry. (Worcester's Dictionary.)

A theory that aims to secure the reconstruction of society, increase of wealth, and a more equal distribution of the products of labor and capital (as distinguished from property), and the public collective management of all industries. Its motto is: "Everyone according to his deeds." (Standard Dictionary.)

Eminently typical of the prevailing duplicity of modern business transactions is a confidential advertising circular issued by the Moneyweight Scale Co., of Chicago. While not intended for general reading, a copy lies before us that contains a brazen confession of the false weight feature of their scales. They guarantee that their scales will enable a dealer to sell his meats at cost and still make a 3 per cent profit. That such a company can flourish gives us a good estimate of the small dealers and their struggles to compete with larger concerns and still make a profit. The dominant note in the capitalist system is the word "cheat." The system corrupts a large class of those in business, and as a rule the working class, as

if it had not miseries enough already, have to stand the cheat—they must pay the cost of being swindled out of a fraction of the value they suppose they are purchasing.

"Buy 20 pounds of pork loins," says the confidential circular, "at 9 cents a pound, retail them to your trade at cost and get your money back and still we can on our scale make you a 3 per cent profit besides. If your business amounts to \$10.00 a day sales, we can earn you 30 cents in fractions you don't get now. Thirty cents a day means you buy this scale every 180 days." It doesn't mean say such thing! It means that your customers buy you the equivalent of a new scale every 180 days, or rather, that you steal that much from them in that period of time! False weights is no new proposition in the market, but it takes our modern business man to advertise the fact in black and white!

A telegram which Roosevelt's new secretary of the navy, Paul Morton, received from one of the men working under his instructions while vice president of the Santa Fe road, has been made public and practically lays the credit for the declaration of martial law in Colorado at the door of Morton. Part of the telegram reads as follows: "Denver, March 31.—Conditions at Starkville, Colo., account of our owning no houses are such that I

do not believe it would have been possible for anyone to start up the mines before this unless martial law was declared over the whole district. This has not seemed the thing to do up to this time, although confidentially, we now have the matter under consideration." Such men as Paul Morton are just the sort of creatures that capitalism, doubly rotten at its seat of government, needs for public officials in aiding the president of the United States to govern with a class spirit.

When an out-and-out crook like Millionaire Senator Clark is enthusiastic over the national Democratic ticket, it is time for more workingmen to open their eyes!

The Roosevelt colony at Oyster Bay were very much excited at the sound of a gasoline launch explosion. They thought it was a dynamite plot. Another case of bad conscience.

Wisconsin State Socialist picnic at Milwaukee takes place tomorrow.

The "Democratic" party has nominated a Wall street judge, noted for anti-labor decisions, and a West Virginia mine owner, railroad president and banker for president and vice-president respectively. And soon the country will be flooded in the workingman districts with literature telling how much the Democratic party loves the workingman and how it hates the Republican party because it serves the wealth interests. The vice-presidential candidate was interested in the suppression of the coal strike two years ago, when his friend Judge Jackson sent Mother Jones and a lot of mine workers to jail. Great is "Democracy!"

Send in your advance orders for Benson's new book, "Socialism Made Plain," now in the hands of the printers. A big book for ten cents.—This office.

A JAPANESE STANDPOINT.

Katayama Writes of Socialism and Capitalistic Conditions in Japan.

The world at large is praising an unfounded... Japanese military organization will be well understood by the workers of Japan with the present experience by the aid and agitation from Socialists.

New Zealand's Prosperity.

In a series of articles on the government of New Zealand, Professor Frank Parsons of the Boston law college makes a very good showing of the benefits derived from these reforms by the reforms by the country as well as the people.

The World Moves!

Socialism means the scientific investigation of causes and effects in the historical march of human society up to the present time, thus giving the logical conclusion that with continued social progress the domination of "capitalism" will surely run its course and give place to the higher system that is to come.

Early Enemies of Liberty for the People in America.

"The war over, and King George having acknowledged the independence of the Federal states, THOSE STATES WERE FREE and independent in fact and in international law. But what of the people—the mass of the people? They were still subjects, and to the very same governing classes which had ruled them before. The fight for freedom had hardly begun!"

How About That \$2.00 Bill?

Or are you one of the fellows eternally "kicking" but never "hustling." Let's have it to-day. We'll mail you five subscription cards.

Gleanings from Busy Socialistic Fields!

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take the lion's share for themselves, this fact will lead the people all the more quickly to see the need of nationalizing such industries as are based upon monopoly so that there may be a more equal division of the benefits.

Big Thieves and Small Thieves, Or: What Happened to the Ass That Stole a Straw.

Sly Reynard, with the Wolf, one day, Travelled to Rome, and on their way They overtook the Ass, and so All three to Rome together go.

Notes from Yankee Land.

Houston, Texas, street car men have issued a Socialistic proclamation. The Democratic state convention in Texas was controlled by the Standard Oil Company.

Across the Herring Pond.

All the newspaper companies, together proposed to have a big lantern procession in order to celebrate the brilliant victory won by our army on the banks of the Yalou River and the people seemed to be in deep sympathy with the proposal.

Natl Headquarters.

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"It is too probable," said he, well knowing the temper and composition of the legislatures to which the convention's draft was to be referred, "that no plan we propose will be adopted. PERHAPS ANOTHER DREADFUL CONFLICT IS TO BE SUSTAINED."

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What International Socialism Demands:

1. Collective ownership of public utilities and all industries in the hands of Trusts and Combinations.
2. Democratic management of such collective industry.
3. Reduction of the hours of labor and progressively increased remuneration.
4. State and National Insurance for the workers and honorable rest for old age.
5. The inauguration of public industries to safeguard the workers against lack of employment.
6. Education of ALL children up to the age of 18 years. No child labor.
7. Equal political and civil rights for men and women.

If you believe in the above vote with the Social-Democrats.

MORAL SUASION A FAILURE.

There are those who believe that if the rich can only be appealed to in the right way they can be relied on to become "good" forthwith, contenting themselves with a mere living, giving up all desire to employ child labor, to import cheap labor, and to work their employees long hours at pay that does not permit them to live as good citizens should. The only trouble is that thus far the successful form of such an appeal has not been discovered. But it will be, they imagine, and then, presto! the capitalist lion and the working class lamb will lie down together, and the lion will not have the slightest inclination to even think of how lamb chops taste. The employer will be "good," the trusts will be "good," and the commercial predatory spirit will disappear.

Such people seem to imagine, if they imagine anything on the social question very clearly, that the capitalist is simply animated by what Brick Pomeroy used to term "pure cussedness," and that it is to that spirit that we must look for an explanation of the existence of economic layers in our present society and that there will be a millennial dawn the moment that spirit can be exorcised. And yet the capitalists are personally very kindly men as human nature goes, sympathetic toward various efforts at human improvement, and moved to pain at the sight of human suffering.

It was only a year ago that a well known and leading educator of this country soberly made the suggestion that the trust problem could be solved if the good people of the country would ostracize all trust magnates and refuse to invite them to dinner thereafter. Evidently the dinner invitations did not fail the magnates, for they have grown lustier month by month ever since.

We Socialists do not deceive ourselves with any such foolish ideas about abolishing capitalism and its abuses by appeals to the capitalists. We see that the capitalist is what the requirements of the capitalist system makes him. He doesn't operate as he does from the pure love of oppressing someone, for the mere satisfaction of contributing to the despoiling of the working class. He is in the economic struggle, and success in that struggle means a full life, a wholesome living, culture, advantages for his children, a summer rest at the seaside or at some inland lake resort, the opportunity for travel in Europe, and all the other comforts and leisure moments that make life livable and more nearly normal. This is an all-powerful motive. Self-preservation is the first law. He makes his fight single-handed if he can, in a trust if the commercial necessities dictate it. And the trust will carry out on a larger scale and with increased opportunities the "moral" of commercial life that have obtained in the smaller business circles.

If it is charged that the trusts rely largely on fraudulent methods, the objector may be well reminded of the fact that corporations and smaller business concerns and individuals are themselves not clear of the suspicion of fraud in their business dealings, particularly with the working class. And tax-dodging is thievery every bit as reprehensible as the rascality of high finance and trust corruption of officials—it is all a question of degree. Pick up your daily paper and note the snares and pitfalls set for the innocent public by men who pass muster as part of the "respectability." Note the stock swindles, the medical swindles, the mine swindles, the adulterated food swindles, the shoddy goods swindles, the promoter swindles, legal swindles, etc., etc. And who believes for a minute that it is only the big corporations that bribe aldermen and legislators and maintain corrupting lobbies?

All this is evidence of how strong the motive to get ahead is, the desperate nature of the scramble for the power that makes a decent living obtainable. For such a living men will throw their scruples to the wind and will commercially devour anybody that comes in their path.

So the Social-Democrat sees beyond the capitalists and knows that it is the capitalist system that is the criminal, so to speak; and that it is the system that must be fought primarily instead of the men acting under the system as they must act to maintain their economic advantage. Kill the system and the individual capitalists cease to oppress their fellow men. Kill off the individual capitalists and the system remains to put others in their places, while those obliterated still live, after all, in their estates, and estates are often even worse vampires than the individuals who made them possible.

This is why all efforts of the professional reformers are foredoomed to failure. It is why Socialism forges to the front in all nations, why it moves onward with a steady movement that nothing can impede. Tilted at results may be interesting momentarily, but it is all an evasion of the self-evident necessity that causes must be attacked before actual relief can be secured.

The capitalist system is the cause of all our social ills. The capitalist system is the thing to be fought.

The Seattle Socialist answers the ignorant ravings of the Chicago impossibilists over the new national platform of the Socialists by reprinting the platform of the Social-Democracy of Germany, and the Preamble to the International, written by Karl Marx in 1864. Of the objection of the Omaha fire-eaters, the Socialist says: "It's one defect, as a criticism of the Chicago platform, apart from the surprising misunderstanding noted above, is the failure to discriminate between the period and economic motive of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and the period and economic motive of the Constitution of the U. S. in 1789. The Chicago platform makes no reference to the Constitution. The people who framed the Constitution were a different economic class from those who issued the Declaration. The Constitution represented the land holders and rising capitalists and was explicitly and definitely afraid of and opposed to Democracy. It was made to be a fetter on the spirit of liberty and self-government which found expression in the Declaration." The Chicago platform contains the whole seven principles which Liebknecht analyzes in the Erfurt platform.... the Erfurt platform contains many more immediate de-

mands than the Chicago platform and places them in a more conspicuous position.... Some of our comrades would out-Marx Marx."

Wisconsin Democrats are talking of nominating Geo. W. Peck for governor. This calls to mind Peck's former term as governor, in which he is alleged to have conspired with a member of his executive family named Joseph B. Doe, to defraud the state out of a large sum of money on a rascally Roster contract. One has only to read the admissions Peck made on the witness stand to estimate the lack of conscience with which he entered into the affair. But both the old parties delight in getting crooks into office. They are more serviceable when it comes to distributing the pie!

Benson's popular pamphlet, "Confessions of Capitalism," has had a big sale and we have now received from the printer a second edition, which has been revised by the author. Five cents a copy, as before.

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The "Brotherhood of Man," under the Capitalist System.

The Milwaukee Socialist Aldermen.

The following report of the Milwaukee common council meeting of July 11, is made up from the several newspaper reports:

The question of purifying the city's ice supply and lessening its cost to the consumer was the subject of two measures introduced in the common council yesterday afternoon, both of them emanating from the Social-Democratic aldermen. Ald. Melms (S.-D.) introduced an ordinance which establishes a license fee of \$50 for each ice company, and it is provided that the license can not be issued until the health commissioner has thoroughly examined the source of supply of the ice company and found that it is free from contaminating matter of any kind. It is also provided that the ice sold by any company shall be analyzed by the health department and if found to contain any bacilli the license of the company shall be revoked. The ordinance carries a penalty clause of a fine of \$25 to \$200 for violations, or imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed sixty days, or both. It was referred to the committee on health.

A substitute resolution for that upon the subject of a municipal ice plant was adopted instructing the committee on legislation to prepare a bill for the next legislature authorizing the city of Milwaukee to erect a municipal ice plant and to issue bonds for its expenses.

Ald. Emil Seidel (S.-D.), Twentieth ward, caused a small flurry when he charged that a report of the finance committee was irregular and that the committee took other action than that reported. The question related to the appointment of a committee of aldermen to inspect municipal lighting plants in other cities. Ald. S. M. Becker, First ward, voted against the measure in the committee, but afterwards signed the report, thus giving it a majority. It was laid over for two weeks, after Ald. Seidel and F. J. Stiglbauer, Nineteenth ward, father of the measure, had a little tilt as to its merits.

There also was some discussion as to the propriety of granting Chief Jansen \$150 for his trip to a session of police chiefs in St. Louis. Ald. Heath (S.-D.) wanted the amount cut to \$50. A vote of 24 to 17 passed the \$150 resolution.

Ald. Heath, Tenth ward, would establish an eight-hour day. His resolution says,

AN ORDINANCE fixing the number of hours which shall constitute a day's work for laborers, workmen and mechanics employed upon the public works of the City of Milwaukee.

The mayor and the common council of Milwaukee do ordain as follows:

Section 1. The service and employment of all laborers, workmen and mechanics who are now or may hereafter be employed by the City of Milwaukee, or by any contractor or sub-contractor upon any of the public works of said city, is hereby limited and restricted to eight hours in any one calendar day; provided, that not less than the current rate of daily wages in the locality where such contract may be performed for the same or similar services rendered by such laborer, workman or mechanic shall be paid under the provisions of this ordinance by said city or by any contractor or sub-contractor upon any public works of said city. And it shall be unlawful for any officer of the city government, or any such contractor or sub-contractor, whose duty it shall be to employ, direct or control the services of such laborers, workmen or mechanics, to require or permit any such laborer, workman or mechanic to work more than eight hours in any calendar day except in case of extraordinary emergency.

Sec. 2. Any officer of said city or any contractor or sub-contractor whose duty it shall be to employ, direct or control any laborer, workman or mechanic employed on any public works of the city, who shall intentionally violate any provision of this ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and for each and every offense shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in the house of correction not more than thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court having jurisdiction thereof.

Sec. 3. The board of public works is hereby required to make the provisions of this ordinance a part of the specifications of each and every contract which said board shall hereafter let for the performance of any public work pursuant to be let, and all contracts not incorporating the provisions of this ordinance shall be null and void.

Sec. 4. All contractors and sub-contractors violating the provisions of this ordinance shall forfeit all rights under their contracts.

Sec. 5. This ordinance shall not apply to existing contracts.

Sec. 6. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

The council was unanimous in its desire to remove tablets with the names of the mayor and members of the board of public works from all public buildings and works in the city. The report of the judiciary committee that this had been acted upon without comment.

Ald. Heath introduced another resolution relating to the franchise sought by the Milwaukee-Southern railroad. He would have the officials of the road answer questions, under oath, relative to their sincerity and ability to construct a railroad as follows:

1. What is the capital of your company, and how much cash has been paid in?
2. What is your terminal point south of Milwaukee, and how much of the right of way has been secured to said terminal point?

3. How much of the necessary right of way is as yet unsecured, and between what points?

4. Have the officers of your company had experience in the building and running of other railroads, and if so, please specify which ones and what railroads they were connected with?

5. How long have you been organized, and is any part of your line as yet surveyed or built?

6. What towns in Wisconsin will your line pass through?

7. Are you proceeding in the interests of either of the two railroads centering in Milwaukee?

8. Are you in any way connected with the proposed belt line project?

9. Are any persons identified in any way with the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light company connected with your company in any capacity, or have such persons been at any time so connected with it?

10. Is it your intention to let the privilege of using your tracks to any other railroad or railroads to get an entrance into the city?

11. Would your corporation be willing to agree to furnish to the Common Council of the city of Milwaukee a verified list of all your stockholders at the end of each and every year and the amount of stock, fully paid or otherwise, held by them?

12. Would your company agree that the franchise shall be forfeited to the city of Milwaukee in case of its sale, lease or other conveyance, assignment or attempted assignment by your company to some other person or corporation?

13. Are you willing to pay to the city of Milwaukee a yearly compensation for the value which such a franchise in the city will give you? If so, how much are you willing to pay to said city?

14. What guarantees are you prepared to give the citizens of the city of Milwaukee that the railroad will be built, and that you will charge lower passenger and freight rates than the two existing railroad companies, and for how long?

Despite the statement of the health commissioner that he would not allow his children to bathe in public natatoriums for fear of contracting disease, the committee decided to postpone indefinitely action on the resolution introduced in the council by Ald. Frederic Heath, Tenth ward.

Commissioner Schulz said it was impossible to keep tank baths sanitary, and that he was opposed to the system. He advocated the use of shower baths, where the water would be used by but one person.

Despite the action of the committee, there will be an official investigation. It was shown by reports of superintendents that 50,000 people bathed in public natatoriums in June. The possibilities of spread of disease are so great that something undoubtedly will be done immediately. Ald. E. T. Melms, Eleventh ward, said that the matter was not dead, but that it would be carried further.

HALF HOURS IN THE HERALD SANCTUM.

Editor Herald: It may interest the comrades to know that I have been elected to the State Parliament as a Social Democrat. I believe my position is rendered the more unique by being the youngest member—my age is twenty-seven. Many thanks for sending the "Herald" so regularly. I look forward to its coming with impatience. Comrade McGrath of Holly bush (a reader of the Herald) was also returned at the same election for Greenville. Delighted to hear of your success in Milwaukee. The "Herald" is a power for good. Kind regards
SCOTT BENNETT.
State Parliament House,
Melbourne, Australia.

Dear Comrades—Enclosed you will find a list of ten names, which I wish you would send the S. D. Herald for ten weeks. Some are Democrats, some are Republicans, and some are Socialists. I think your paper will land them in the Co-operative Commonwealth pasture. I also send along with the above the sum of four dollars, which is to pay for as many of Comrade Benson's excellent book "Socialism Made Plain," as that amount will buy. Now, Comrade, being a Roman Catholic, and a practical one, I want to congratulate you on the way you handle that matter. Don't allow any "A. P. Aism" to creep into this fight and we will win yet. I realize the historical attitude of our church in all changes in the economic development of civilization, that she resisted all changes until she found her material interest was with the other side and then she just as strongly defended that side as she worked against it before, but as I said before, keep dear of all "A. P. Aism" and stirring remarks. You speak in your paper of the Catholic Citizen of Milwaukee, and the fair attitude it has assumed in this discussion. I do not take any Catholic paper in my house on account of the many unfair articles in

them, especially the "New World" of Chicago.

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JOHN E. CAULFIELD.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Herald: Socialism is growing so rapidly here that I know comrades in other parts of the country will be interested in knowing what we are doing. About a year ago the first local was organized in this county. In June, this year, the services of Comrade Carl D. Thompson were secured and in two weeks six additional locals were organized and about sixty new members in all admitted to the party. We held a county convention June 29th and a strong county organization perfected, and ringing resolutions adopted. A county constitution of both are enclosed herewith. A full county ticket was placed in the field and there is a possibility—more than a possibility—that some of our candidates may be elected, for the populists and Democrats here are almost entirely dead, and it is likely that the republican and Socialist tickets will be the only ones before the people.

Owing to legal reasons we cannot go on the official ballot here under the name of "Socialist," and a referendum resulted in the selection of the name "Native Ownership Party" by which name we will be known on the ballot.

GEO. W. DOWNING,
Sec. Co. Com.
Fergus Falls, Minn.

Dear Herald: I am just so hard up I could not renew just when the paper ran out, but I caught 25c yesterday, and before it gets away will send it at once for six months. Hurrah for Socialism which Gese and Ben will represent for us

so ably, and the platform which our delegates so conscientiously framed. Begin paper with No. 208 and send back Now, as I do not want to break my file.
L. E. LEONARD.
California.

Social-Democratic Herald: I enclose you herewith my subscription for one year. I like your paper very much and desire to thank you for all Socialists for the good work you are doing. Am very sorry cannot get you any more financial assistance from our vicinity. Will keep on the lookout though and if I can send anything your way will do so. I wish you would take up the agitation for an increased membership and see what results you can accomplish. It seems this is being grossly neglected by all publications as well as the party members themselves. I carry an extra supply of stamps and cards and find a great many that have never known of the organization, and no doubt this is the case right in your own town and would not be surprised if your office that do not know how the party expenses are kept up. It is no trouble at all to get men to take out a card and pay dues. Your vote of some 16,000 ought to give us a dues paying membership of at least 10,000 and there is no doubt but what it would be if it was properly worked up.

W. V. GOLAHAR.
Colorado.
Social-Democratic Herald: You will find enclosed 25c. It is all that I can give as I have to work hard for what little I have, but I hope that it will help you along some in your good work trying to open the eyes of some of the people. I believe it would be a good idea to place your Social-Democratic Herald in the hands of the women, and once they get interested you can rest assured that Socialism will move along, for I believe

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that women know a good thing when they see it, but which I cannot say of the men. For it seems to me if they did they could see how they are being deceived by capitalists that are living from the products of their labor. I hope the time will come when these people will awake to realize how they are being deceived, and vote for their own benefit and that of their families.
SUSIE PAUCH.
Chillicothe, Mo.

Ed. Social-Democratic Herald: With pleasure do I write you to inform you that old Lafayette has at last awakened from the latent lethargy, and organized a local branch of the Social-Democratic party, and with twenty-one charter members. I feel confident in making the prediction that we will double our forces within less than a year, and perhaps more than double it. Heretofore I have been fighting it all alone but now since reinforcements have arrived I have renewed the attack and have increased the dose and the result is very favorable. I give the Louisiana comrades a timely warning that unless they are up and doing your Lafayette comrades will get the first blood.
I'm sure Comrade Dehs will rejoice to hear of our local for I promised him two years ago that he would hear from Lafayette and I'm proud to redeem my pledge.
F. C. TRIAY.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Geo. A. Kiefe, Newark.—The circular was duly received and filed for use where most effect can be made of it. American Industries also received. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated, never fear!

C. E. Indiana.—Kerr & Co. are the publishers of Comrade Ladoff's "American Imperialism." Certainly, we recommend it. You will find it very useful.

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WEST VIRGINIA: A very enthusiastic state convention of the Socialist party was held here Sunday, July 1st. It was the first state nominating convention of the party held in West Virginia. It was a representative working class convention. Every delegate but one was a wageworker. The exception, now deceased, was formerly a farm-hand, a candidate for a freight handler. All the delegates were union men, which was a good showing considering so many towns were represented. A strong platform was adopted, also a vigorous working class constitution, and provision made to effect a complete state organization by referendum by August 1st.

The following is the ticket:
Governor—J. N. Eakey, Huntington.
Secretary of State—C. K. Weaver, Tinseltown.
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Auditor—Chas. E. Graver, Mannington.
Presidential Electors at Large—A. H. Hauer, Amos; planning mill worker. Tinseltown, Charleston; officer Human Society.

District Electors—First District, W. L. McMechan of McMechan, factory owner; Third District, David Morgan, Montgomery; coal miner. Fourth District, J. Carter, Huntington; car carpenter.

Candidates for Congress—First District, B. A. Leach, McMechan; factory worker. Third District, G. L. Burman, Charleston; gas worker. Fourth District, Henry Bucks, Huntington; machinist.

After the report of the committee on credentials, M. W. Wilkins, national organizer, was made in honor member of the convention and was elected permanent chairman. (The ticket having been filed by petition.) Dr. Geo. B. Kim was elected to temporary state secretary, and a temporary local group was elected pending a referendum. Molken was selected as state headquarters for the ensuing year.

Washington's state platform for this year was adopted as the platform for West Virginia.

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At the Crystal Theater next week, The Coolidge in "My Uncle from Australia" will be the leading feature. The rest of the bill will comprise Frank Mardo, Doyle and Wharton in a sketch, Helen Morse, S. F. Budnik and the Crystalograph. Two matinees each afternoon.

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State Convention at Green Bay.
The Wisconsin State Federation of Labor is in session this week at Green Bay. The reports of Secy.-Treas. Brockhausen and Gen. Organizer Weber contain stirring appeals to the working class based on the experiences of the past year, and the work being done by the convention itself is significant of the strength and watchfulness of the big organization. In accordance with the attitude of the Social-Democratic party in its pronouncements on the necessity for keeping clearly defined the different spheres of the political and the economic fight which the working class must wage, a resolution was adopted urging the members of the organization to cast their ballots this fall for the party that most nearly represents the working class interests. On Wednesday the convention was addressed by State Factory Inspector Backus and his remarks were well received. Organizer Brockhausen of the A. F. of L. also addressed the convention. Samuel Gompers was not able to be present as was expected. The organizer's commission of Frank Ira, a ward healer of Sheboygan, was revoked. A committee on Labor and Legislation, with Winfield R. Gaylord of Milwaukee at its head, was established. The executive committee was increased from five to seven members. An attempt to locate the state headquarters in the locality where the state secretary might live was lost. At the time of going to press the convention is discussing with some favor a project to name a federation attorney.

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